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From: William T Fujioka  
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### **PROGRESS REPORT – BOARD ITEM 11 - COUNTYWIDE GANG VIOLENCE REDUCTION INITIATIVE AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**

On April 6, 2010, your Board instructed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to implement a set of recommendations to address gang violence through the following directives:

- Work with Interim Chief Probation Officer to identify and place a site coordinator in each of the four demonstration sites;
- Create Prevention and High-Risk/Re-Entry Workgroups in each demonstration site to assist in local implementation of Initiative;
- Work with the Sheriff to develop coordinated, multi-jurisdictional suppression strategies in each of the four demonstration sites;
- Implement programming at County parks that includes extended programming and hours of operation, aimed at increasing park utilization among community residents;
- Implement programming at three County libraries aimed at increasing the usage of libraries by older teenagers;
- Implement the Probation Youth Community Transition Project in each demonstration site aimed at providing enhanced family and transition services to 25 high-risk probationers and their families;

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- Implement quarterly resource and employment fairs in each of the demonstration sites aimed at young adults with criminal backgrounds or former gang affiliations;
- Convene a taskforce to make recommendations to resolve information sharing challenges throughout the County; and
- Collect and evaluate data from four demonstration sites and report on outcomes.

Since the issuance of your directives, the following actions have been taken by the CEO:

- CEO staff, in collaboration with Probation staff, have identified and placed personnel in each of the four demonstration sites to serve as site coordinators;
- Site Coordinators are in the process of meeting with local stakeholders and organizations to solicit their involvement in prevention and intervention efforts. A more exhaustive list of stakeholder groups will be included in the expanded report. Below is a list of stakeholder groups site coordinators have met with in each of the demonstration areas:

Florence Firestone:

- Florence Firestone Community Leaders
- Century Clergy Council
- Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Local District 7 staff

Harbor Gateway:

- Toberman Neighborhood Center
- Harbor Gateway Neighborhood Council
- City of Los Angeles Gang Reduction and Youth Development Office
- Gang Reduction And Community Engagement (GRACE) Project Staff

Monrovia Duarte:

- Monrovia Arcadia Duarte Town Council
- Duarte Community Mediation Team
- City Managers of both Monrovia and Duarte

Pacoima

- Pacoima Community Initiative (PCI)
  - San Fernando High School Collaborative
  - Youth Policy Institute
- CEO staff in partnership with County Park staff implemented the Parks After Dark (PAD) program in three County parks during the summer months. The PAD program was concentrated in two demonstration sites: Florence-Firestone (Roosevelt and Watkins Parks); and Monrovia-Duarte (Pamela Park). Programming began July 8, 2010, and continued through September 5, 2010. Park staff is in the process of compiling participant numbers, as well as survey information, and they will be included in the expanded report.
- Programming sponsored by Public Library, aimed at older teens has also commenced. Library staff provided reading/educational programs and recreational activities to youth during the summer months at three County libraries (Florence – Graham – Duarte) and also at PAD Parks. The participation in PAD allowed library staff to reach a larger audience and introduce various community members to the various services offered at the County libraries. Libraries have continued their program offerings which include:
  - Class on developing your own Podcast (Duarte Library)
  - Series of classes on Drumming (classes being offered at County parks (Roosevelt, Watkins and Pamela)
  - Video Game Tournament (Duarte Library)
- Suppression efforts in each of the four demonstration areas remain in place and efforts have begun to implement a protocol to notify and engage with gang-involved families that includes both suppression and intervention resources.
- CEO staff partnered with the Northeast San Fernando Valley Work Source Center to hold a resource and employment fair for individuals with criminal backgrounds on September 28, 2010. Approximately 1,000 participants attended the event and the San Fernando Valley Work Source is in process of compiling hiring figures.
- CEO and County Counsel staff have met to resolve challenges to information sharing related to components of this Initiative. Specifically, County Counsel assisted in the development of a Program Participation Agreement (PPA) that will

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be used to fully inform families of our intent to share information and their ability to opt out of the agreement at any time. The PPA will be used for both youth and families identified in our Probation Youth Community Transition Project. Additional discussions will be held to determine the proper structure to resolve those information sharing issues that are systemic and countywide.

Although a significant amount of the work has commenced and will continue throughout the remainder of the year, additional time is requested to prepare a more extensive report to your Board of the progress to date. We are, therefore, requesting an extension of the reporting deadline to November 30, 2010, to complete our report to your Board.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me, or your staff may contact Kathy House at (213) 974-4530, or via e-mail at [khouse@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:khouse@ceo.lacounty.gov).

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October 6 Extension letter